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Subject: Addition of the goshawk and black-backed woodpecker to the R1 sensitive species list.

To: Forest and Grasslands Supervisors

The current sensitive species list, dated October 28, 2004, was developed through an evaluation process conducted with input from the Montana and Idaho Natural Heritage Programs. Through this evaluation process, the northern goshawk and black-backed woodpecker were determined not to be appropriate species to be placed on the list as they have national rankings of G5 globally secure, abundant and widespread. These species are ranked by the states of Montana and Idaho as S3 and S4 indicating the species are not at risk.

While the Region believes that goshawk and black-backed woodpecker are not warranted to be placed on the sensitive species list due to their rankings, the Region is continuing to gather data and evaluate the species habitat needs. As such, until there is further data collection and evaluation, I am placing both the goshawk and the black-backed woodpecker on the sensitive species list. All projects where the goshawk and the black-backed woodpecker occur or are likely to occur should include an analysis of any potential effects to these species as sensitive species. The revised sensitive species list is located at the following website:

<http://fsweb.r1.fs.fed.us/wildlife/wwfrp/TESnew.htm>

Upon completion of the Region's further evaluation of the goshawk and black-backed woodpecker, the status of these two species, in regard to whether they should continue to remain on the sensitive species list, will be reassessed.

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